

# UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2018

Time Convened: 4:30 p.m. EDT Time Adjourned: 5:20 p.m. EDT

President's Room 215B, Emerson Alumni Hall University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

# 1.0 Verification of Quorum

Vice President and General Counsel Amy M. Hass verified a quorum with all Trustees present.

# Board members present were:

James W. Heavener (Chair), David L. Brandon, Ian M. Green, Mori Hosseini, Leonard H. Johnson, Thomas G. Kuntz, Daniel T. O'Keefe, Rahul Patel, Marsha D. Powers, Jason J. Rosenberg, Robert G. Stern, Katherine Vogel Anderson and Anita G. Zucker.

#### Others present were:

W. Kent Fuchs, President; Winfred Phillips, Executive Chief of Staff; Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Charles Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; David Guzick, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs and President of UF Health; Amy M. Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; other members of the President's Cabinet; and other members of the University community and members of the media.

# 2.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Board Chair James W. Heavener called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. EDT and welcomed all Trustees, the administration and all in attendance at the meeting. Chair Heavener extended a special welcome to incoming Trustees Ian Green and Katie Vogel Anderson.

# 3.0 Public Comment

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass noted that five individuals were confirmed to speak on an agenda item in accordance with Board policy and procedures. The speakers addressed the Board on topics including commencement and the diversity climate at the University and OPS workers.

# 4.0 President's Report

President Fuchs gave his report to the Board. Highlights of which included:

- Senior leadership hires including Antonio Farias, Chief Diversity Officer; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations; Onye Ozuzu, Dean of the College of the Arts and Lee Anne Chesterfield, Director of the Harn Museum.
- UF Online was ranked #1 in May by the Online Colleges website and, as previously announced, will partner with Walmart to allow Walmart employees to pursue associate and bachelor's degrees at minimal cost to the employee.
- UF professor Jack Davis was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his book *The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea*.
- The University has created a task force focused on improving the commencement experience.

President Fuchs next discussed a new collaborative initiative for the University called Platform for Life. He noted the profound technological changes we have seen in the past decades and observed that, while we cannot predict the society of the future, UF can lead the discussion and shape the journey. He noted UF's role in technological milestones from the invention of the first digital computer to the recent creation of bioglass and Trusopt, a glaucoma medication.

He informed the Board that the colleges and units will be joining together in bold, transformative efforts that the University is calling "moonshots." These are being developed and will be presented along with concrete goals and deadlines. He closed with a video on Platform for Life.

# 5.0 Comments of the Incoming Chair of the Board

Vice Chair Hosseini asked Chair Heavener to join him at the podium, where he was presented with a plaque in honor of his service as Chair of the Board. Vice Chair Hosseini thanked Chair Heavener for his valuable time and financial support of the institution, which have both uniquely advanced the University. Chair Heavener next addressed the Board. He expressed his admiration for the university administration and noted that the university has everything it needs to achieve Top 5. He noted that a University of Florida education is the best investment in the nation.

# 6.0 Action Items (Consent)

Chair Heavener turned the Board's attention to the Consent Agenda and asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (comprising all the Action Items listed below), which was made by Trustee Rosenberg, and a second, which was made by Trustee Zucker. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Board of Trustees (BT)**

BT1 Minutes March 23, 2018 May 14, 2018

# Committee on Audit and Compliance (AC)

AC1 University of Florida Operational Audit Report Issued March 2018

# Committee on Educational Policy & Strategic Initiatives (EP)

- EP1 Annual Tenure Awards
- EP2 Tenure Upon Hire
- EP3 University of Florida Annual Accountability Plan 2016-17
- EP4 New Degree
- EP5 Honorary Degree
- EP6 University of Florida Regulations
- EP7 and R18-205 Facility Security Clearance

# **Committee on Finance and Facilities (FF)**

FF1 Final Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 and Preliminary Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

FF2 and R18-203 Depository Payment Signatory Authority

- FF3 Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020
- FF4 Facilities Spending Plan for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019
- FF5 FCPA Lease of Space

# Committee on Governance (GV)

GV1 and R18-206 Committees

GV3 FY19 Performance Goals

#### 7.0 Resolutions

Chair Heavener noted that at the dinner planned for that evening the Board would have an opportunity to honor Smith Meyers. He then read the Resolution in honor of former Trustee Meyers into the minutes. Chair Heavener noted that a Resolution honoring David Thomas was provided to the Trustees and would also be included in the minutes of this meeting.

Resolutions R18-199 and R18-200 and R18-204 were thus approved.

#### 8.0 New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

# 9.0 Adjourn

Asking for any further discussion and hearing none, Board Chair Heavener adjourned the meeting of the Board of Trustees at 5:20 p.m. EDT.